



TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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NOTICE OF FILING AND PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

DOCKET: 00-00702

IN RE: *Rulemaking Proceeding - Regulations for Term Arrangements for Telecommunications Services*

DATE: August 20, 2002

On May 31, 2002, the Tennessee Attorney General returned, as disapproved, the set of rules proposed by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") in this docket. The Attorney General's letter is attached to this Notice. On August 2, 2002, the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate") intervened in seventy (70) contract service arrangements ("CSAs") pending before the Authority.

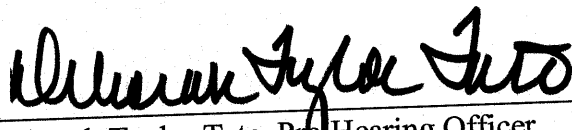
On August 7, 2002, the Directors of the Authority voted unanimously to move forward with this rulemaking docket and include therein a hearing for the purpose of developing a record to address the concerns raised by the Attorney General in his May 31, 2002 letter and the Consumer Advocate in its interventions and to establish criteria for the review of CSAs by the Authority. On August 19, 2002, the Directors appointed Director Deborah Taylor Tate to serve as Pre-Hearing Officer in this docket for the purpose of preparing this matter for hearing before the Directors.

Parties who have participated in this docket and any other interested parties are hereby advised that a Pre-Hearing Conference is scheduled for **Friday, September 4, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.** with the Pre-Hearing Officer Tate presiding. All parties interested in participating in that Pre-Hearing Conference are instructed to file with the Authority in this docket, on or before **2:00 p.m., Friday August 30, 2002**, a list of suggested criteria for reviewing CSAs and a proposed procedural schedule for the conduct of pre-hearing matters. The proposed schedule

should be consistent with an anticipated hearing during the week of September 30 through October 4, 2002. This proposed schedule shall include dates for propounding and responding to discovery and the submitting of pre-filed testimony. Interested parties should review the Attorney General's letter of May 31, 2002, in preparing a list of suggested criteria.

The Pre-Hearing Conference will be held in the Hearing Room on the Ground Floor at 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee. Participants with disabilities who require special accommodations or alternate communications formats should contact the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ADA-EEO/AA Coordinator/Officer at 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505, 1-800-342-8359 or TDD 741-3930 so that reasonable accommodations can be made.

FOR THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah Taylor Tate", written over a horizontal line.

Deborah Taylor Tate, Pre-Hearing Officer

cc: Parties of Record
Interested Parties

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